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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] a Reply to Office Action; [X] Express Mail Certification; and [X] postcard; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 003888-0017. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

EXTENSION FEE

The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$2,160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2005 in the above-identified application. Applicant is filing this reply before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for reply -- August 23, 2005 -- and thus, no extension fee is required.

REMARKS begin on page 2 of this paper.